



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Ichiro Kawabuchi et al.  
Application No. : 10/596,628  
Filing Date : June 19, 2006  
Docket No. : NIS-16726  
Title : ROTATION AND EXTENSION/RETRACTION  
LINK MECHANISM  
  
Examiner : Unknown  
Art Unit : Unknown  
Confirmation No. : Unknown

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A**

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Examiner,

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made to the above-identified application. Please amend the subject application as follows: